

THE KING'S ANSWER TO SEA OUTRAGES—BRITISH NAVY'S WATCH

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**KHAKI OPENING OF PARLIAMENT: OVERSEAS MEN ACCOMPANY
THEIR MAJESTIES IN THE PROCESSION.**



The King and Queen arriving at the Houses of Parliament. A large number of Overseas troops took this rare opportunity of seeing a royal procession in London.



Admiral Sir John Jellicoe seated next to General Sir William Robertson, A.D.C.

The procession to St. Stephen's yesterday was significantly picturesque, representative, as it was, not only of the Dominions, but also of our great Indian Dependency. The members of the royal escort from the Indian and Overseas Dominions were all in khaki, and were a



The King and Queen. His Majesty wore the undress uniform of an admiral.

representative sample of the splendid soldiers who have come to the European battlefields from all parts of the world. The appearance of Sir John Jellicoe in the procession was the signal for a hearty outburst of cheering from the crowd.

THE KING'S FAITH IN HIS EMPIRE.

"My People Will Respond to Every Call"—Threats That Steel Our Determination.

CEASELESS WATCH OF THE BRITISH NAVY.

The King's Speech at the opening of Parliament yesterday was as follows:—

My Lords and Gentlemen,—

For the third time in succession I summon you to your deliberations in the midst of war.

Certain overtures of which you are aware have been made by the enemy with a view to the opening of peace negotiations. Their tenor, however, indicated no possible basis for peace.

My people throughout the Empire and my faithful and heroic Allies remain steadfastly and unanimously resolved to secure the just demands for reparation and restitution in respect of the past, and the guarantees for the future which we regard as essential to the progress of civilisation.

In response to an invitation from the President of the United States of America we have outlined so far as can be done at present the general objects necessarily implied by these aims.

The threats of further outrages upon public law and the common rights of humanity will but serve to steel our determination.

During the winter months my Navy has maintained unchallenged its ceaseless watch on the seas, and has enforced with rigour the blockade of the enemy.

My Armies have conducted successful operations not only in Europe but in Egypt, Mesopotamia and East Africa, and they are fully prepared to renew the great struggle in close and cordial co-operation with my Allies on every field.

I trust that their united efforts will carry the successes already won to a victorious conclusion.

I have invited representatives of my Dominions and of my Indian Empire, which have borne so glorious a share in the struggle, to confer with my Ministers on important questions of common interest relating to the war.

The step so taken will, I trust, conduce to the establishment of closer relations between all parts of my Empire.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—

You will be asked to make the necessary provision for the effective prosecution of the war.

My Lords and Gentlemen,—

The accomplishment of the task to which I have set my hand will entail unsparring demands on the energies and resources of all my subjects.

I am assured, however, that my people will respond to every call necessary for the success of our cause with the same indomitable ardour and devotion that have filled me with pride and gratitude since the war began.

I therefore confidently commend to your patriotism the measures which will be laid before you, and I pray that Almighty God may give His blessing to your counsels.

SNOW-LINED ROUTE.

The King Salutes the Patriotic Cheers of Wounded Troops.

ENTHUSIASM FOR JELICOE.

The King, who was accompanied by the Queen, opened Parliament in person yesterday. At Buckingham Palace a troop of Indian cavalry were drawn up near the Victoria Monument.

The Mall was an interesting spectacle. The snow remained on the paths, but on the roads it had been cleared, and the sun appeared as a golden ball through the frosty haze.

A number of wounded soldiers, who arrived in brakes, were provided with excellent positions along the line of route.

At twelve o'clock the sounds of the National Anthem were heard outside Buckingham

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Their Majesties were greeted with loud cheers as they drove along, the wounded being especially vociferous, and several of them had small Union Jacks.

The King repeatedly saluted, and the Queen smilingly recognised the patriotic outburst.

THE KING TO "BRAVE MEN."

"Tell my brave men who have fought so gallantly for me and for my country how much I appreciate their gallant service and what a pleasure it is to me to place at their disposal the Royal Gallery in the Parliament at Westminster on the occasion of my opening of Parliament."

The King's message, through the Lord Chamberlain, to the wounded soldiers who, by His Majesty's command, witnessed the opening of Parliament from the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords.

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"DO IT NOW."

Great War Loan Campaign in Which Everyone Should Join.

TO-MORROW IS THE DAY.

A great advertising campaign on behalf of the War Loan is being carried out all over the country.

All the West End shops are taking part. Notices in the windows of white sales and remnants days are completely eclipsed by large War Loan posters. "Money lent, lives saved," they read, "Make your money fight."

Almost all the large establishments have information bureaux, where shoppers can get all the papers and forms which tell them how to invest their money.

Messrs. Marshall and Snelgrove have a department where War Loan and War Saving Certificate may be bought at the same time as a dozen handkerchiefs or a yard of ribbon.

Indeed, yesterday, when *The Daily Mirror* called, it was one of the busiest departments in the whole shop.

Thousands of "do it now" posters are going to remind you of the urgency of the need during the next few days. They are being "billed" all over the country.

Yesterday a small army of poster men were still busy converting Trafalgar-square into a magnificent sounding board for the War Loan.

Giant posters are springing up on all sides—the word "You" on the portico of the National Gallery is 15ft. high.

To-morrow is National War Loan Day, and the War Savings Committee asks *The Daily Mirror* to remind patriotic employers of labour everywhere of the effort that is being made to

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in which to do your bit, great or small, for the Victory Loan.

hold 100,000 ten-minute dinner-hour addresses on the War Loan to workpeople on pay day.

The employers are expected to make their own arrangements, and wherever possible it is hoped they will announce some attractive scheme by which they will help their employees to invest in the Loan.

The biggest subscription to the War Loan yesterday was that of the Sun Fire and Life Offices, who have contributed £3,200,000.

Glasgow Corporation is to invest £3,000,000. The Portsmouth Municipality, besides subscribing £500,000, is allocating £100,000 to small subscribers, repayments being spread over two years.

The Lord Mayor has received a letter, which he has forwarded to the War Savings Committee, from Messrs. H. G. Holiday and Co., offering to advance £1,000, free of all interest, for the duration of the war.

Sir J. Roper Parkinson has applied for £38,000, of which £7,400 is new money.

GIRL'S KEEN EYES.

How a Post Office Clerk Detected a Clever Forgery.

"I did the postal order. He is quite innocent. I won't allow him to be convicted. He didn't do it!" cried a woman at the Old Bailey yesterday when W. Reynolds was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for forging a postal order for 8s. 6d.

"This alteration is a brilliant piece of work, and must have involved patience and eyesight of the highest possible order," said Mr. Marshall Hall, K.C.

He went on to show that, however clever the imitation, certain small details had been overlooked. The woman at the post-office where the order was presented (who was quite a girl) cleverly noticed this, and the prisoner was pursued and overtaken.

Paint brushes and paints were found at the prisoner's house. Since he was liberated last May, said Mr. Hall, 112 altered orders had been received.

JUDGE ON POISON PLOT CHARGE.

'Conspiracy Which Passed Limits of Description.'

TRIAL POSTPONED.

At Derby Assizes yesterday the Grand Jury returned a true bill against the four prisoners who are charged with conspiring to murder Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Arthur Henderson.

After the Grand Jury had returned a true bill Mr. Maddox, on behalf of the Crown, made an application that the case be not proceeded with at these assizes. It is understood that between now and the next assizes an application will be made in London for the transference of the case to the Old Bailey.

Alice Wheeldon and her daughter Harriet, Alfred George Mason and his wife Winnie, a daughter of Alice Wheeldon, were charged with conspiring to plot the murder of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Arthur Henderson, and with soliciting Herbert John Walsh Booth and Alpe Gordon to carry the plot into effect.

It would be affection on his part, said the Judge, were he to think that the Grand Jury did not already know something about the case.

A SINISTER THING.

Proceeding to review the evidence, his Lordship said Betty Wheeldon was described in the calendar as a schoolmistress, and it also appeared that her sister Winnie was engaged in a similar capacity at Southampton.

One could not express wonder that women such as these who, quite apart from their guilt or innocence on this charge, had habitually indulged in expressions of obscenity, should be in the position of teaching young children.

In conclusion, the Judge said conspiracy to murder was a most sinister thing, but at the present moment a conspiracy to murder the first Minister of the Crown and one of his associates seemed to pass beyond the limits of description and become a felon blow attempted against the safety of our country.

When they observed the levity of some of the writings of these people, and not only the levity but the violence and the obscenity of it in places, they might be tempted perhaps for a moment to think it mere froth and foolishness on the part of these people.

But, on second thoughts, they would not take that view. Things such as these people have said should not be breathed, for they never could tell when action might not result from conspiracies of that kind.

If the evidence was true that poison was given to a man who was believed to be prepared to administer it, in order that the life of the Prime Minister should, in fact, be taken.

10s. A BOTTLE WHISKY?

Further Decrease Expected in Supply of Alcoholic Spirits.

Owing to the requirements of the Ministry of Munitions, says the Central News, a further diminution in the supply of alcoholic spirits is contemplated.

For some months hence all the available produce of the distilleries will be required for the use of the nation.

There seems to be every likelihood that before very long Scotch and Irish whiskies will be retailed at 10s. or more per bottle.

HUSBAND'S FLIRTATION.

Divorce Story of Trips to a Bungalow with Champagne.

In the Divorce Court yesterday Mr. Justice Low heard the petition of Mrs. Daisy Taylor asking for the dissolution of her marriage with Mr. Harry Willis Taylor.

Soon after the marriage in 1901 petitioner said her husband began to treat her with studied insults and neglect, so that her health became affected. She discovered that her husband was carrying on a violent flirtation with the governess.

She overheard him declare he could not force her to take divorce proceedings, but that he would render her life so miserable and worry her so much that she would be obliged to leave the place.

Next day he suggested she should divorce him, telling her he would make matters easy for her. She refused, and he then told her he was going to sell the house, that he would take away the children and she could go to the Devil.

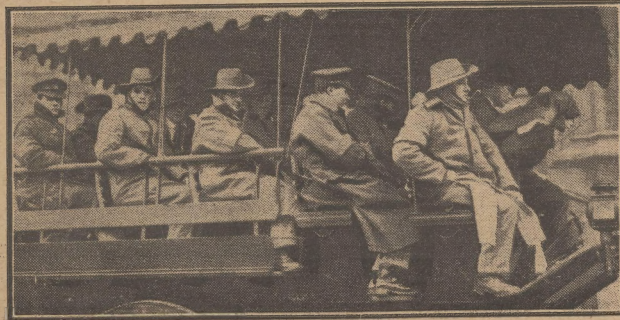
It appeared, said counsel, that in 1904 respondent took a bungalow at Waterlooville, where he would take champagne and provisions in his motor-car. A Mrs. Norris used to go there.

The Judge granted a decree nisi, with costs and custody of the children.

COUNT PLUNKETT'S SPEECH.

Count Plunkett, the newly-elected member for North Roscommon, addressing an enthusiastic crowd at Dublin, urged them to be false no longer to the theory of national liberty by sending their representatives to a foreign Government.

It would be necessary to organise until all Ireland had pledged its members not to go to Westminster, but remain in Ireland until they had a real Parliament of their own.



Anzacs arriving for the opening of Parliament.—("Daily Mirror" photograph.)

"ALLIES DETERMINED TO END WAR IN SUMMER"

Labour Minister's Dramatic Statement as to Effort to Shorten Struggle.

GRANDCOURT EVACUATED: PLACE NOW OURS

**Result of Continual Pressure of British on Ancre—
Twelve Ships Reported Sunk by Pirates.**

The outstanding war news yesterday was as follows:—

WHEN WAR MAY END.—Mr. Hodge, the Labour Minister, says the Allies are determined, if possible, to shorten the war so that it will end at the end of this summer.

ANCRE SUCCESS.—"As the result of our continuous pressure on both banks of the River Ancre," reports Sir Douglas Haig, "the enemy has been forced to evacuate the village of Grandcourt, which is now entirely in our possession, together with the defensive works adjoining it."

U WAR ON WORLD.—By sinking the Peruvian ship Lorton on Monday within Spanish territorial waters Germany has offered an affront to two neutrals at a time when the German wireless was boasting of its consideration for neutral nations. Twelve British and neutral ships were reported sunk yesterday—a loss of over 18,000 tons. See page 2 for measures Britain is taking to combat the U boats.

**ALLIED CONFERENCE AND GERMANY BREAKS PLEDGE
SHORTENING OF WAR.**

**Mr. Hodge Says They Want to End
Struggle at End of Summer.**

A dramatic statement about the Allies and the conclusion of the war was made by the Labour Minister, Mr. John Hodge, at Walworth-road Baths last night.

In the course of appealing for women munitions workers he said:—

"I do not think I am giving away any secrets when I say that the heads of our Army and the Allies have recently been in conference, and their determination is to shorten the war if possible so that it will end at the end of this summer."

"This is a most desirable consummation, and every extra volunteer we get is going to help to that desirable end."

With regard to German super-frightfulness, he said we could make up our minds that it was not so much to frighten us as to frighten neutrals, and that they had to some extent succeeded in doing, and some of the smaller neutral nations were not sending their ships to sea. That made the peril of a lack of food in this country all the greater.

"It won't be very long," he said, "before every merchant vessel is a properly armed. You may have observed a statement made the other day that out of seventy-eight vessels adequately armed the German submarines had only been able to sink six. That is what we want. There is nothing that they dread more than an armed liner or an armed tramp. That means shells and still more shells."

"If we do not combat this submarine menace there is going to be a shortage of food in this country. Four pounds of bread a week is, I believe, a liberal allowance, but we can only have that continued provided that we get on top of the submarine menace."



Mr. Hodge, M.P.

"CAN FACE 5 WAR YEARS."

New York, Wednesday.—The New York World's special correspondent states from Washington that the State Department's first report from Germany upon the conditions in Germany since America severed relations, says that the people are most confident that everything points to the war being continued for at least five years without destroying the Kaiser's organisation.—Exchange.

GERMANS IN SWISS CARE.

Paris, Wednesday.—M. Landy, the Swiss Minister, was received today by M. Briand, and told the Minister that Switzerland had been entrusted with German interests in France.—Exchange.

NEW ZEPP'S TEST.

Zurich, Wednesday.—A new Zeppelin airship has undergone a twenty-four-hour's trial trip at Grasten in a strong wind and a temperature of 9 deg. below zero.—Central News.

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Russian.—On the Beresina the enemy, after a violent bombardment of our position in the region of the village of Zaberesina, undertook an offensive against our trenches in the neighbourhood of that village, and succeeded in taking a small island in the river and a trench occupied by one of our companies, but a counter-attack by our reinforcements threw the enemy back into his own trenches.

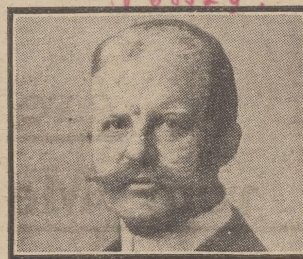
Rumanian Front.—Our advance guards dislodged the enemy from his trenches in the region south of the River Slonica.

In the course of the night the enemy, two companies strong, crossed the Sereth, which was frozen, in the region of Surai, south-east of Focșani, and attacked our trenches, but was driven over the river by our fire.—Reuter.

German.—On the Beresina our troops pressed forward into the enemy lines and returned, after the destruction of dug-outs, with two Russian officers, fifty men and nine mine-throwers.

On the Kovil-Luck railway line an attack by our storming troops was entirely successful. Eighteen prisoners and one mine-thrower were taken from the Russian trenches.

Rome, Wednesday.—The *«Gazzetta Nazionale»* states that a second International Conference of the Allies will be held during April at Rome, at which Portugal will be represented.—Exchange.



Dr. Zimmermann, who has received, at the Foreign Office, Berlin, a "S.O.S." from Louis P. Lochner. It ran: "For God's sake, rescind submarine order. State your terms instead."

**SENATE ENDORSES BREAK
WITH GERMANY.**

**U.S. Takes Step to Stop Damage Being
Done to Interned Ships.**

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—The Senate voted the endorsement of President Wilson's break with Germany.—Exchange.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—The Secretary for War, in a memorandum presented at the White House, states that in harbours in Manila and elsewhere, in the Philippines and in Colon, German merchantmen had certain parts of their machinery removed, and in some instances there were evidences of preparations to sink the vessels.

For the protection of the harbours and shipping steps have been taken to prevent damage, but no ships have been seized, and in all cases commanders and crews have been informed that America has made no seizures, and does not deny the right of a commander to dismantle his ship so long as navigable warships are not obstructed and shipping and property endangered.

The diplomatic breach, adds the memorandum, has not changed the relations of these ships' crews to America, nor forfeited their right to our hospitality, and the steps taken are limited to necessary police regulations.—Exchange.

NINETY-ONE SHIPS CRIPPLED.

New York, Wednesday.—It is stated that every one of the ninety-one German vessels in American harbours has been crippled by the German crews under orders from Berlin.

The most serious damage done is in the case of the Kronprinzessin Océlie, in Boston Harbour. Holes have been drilled into two high-pressure cylinders and both heads knocked off.

The United Press Association special message from Washington says that the United States are now well within the danger zone in connection with the German relations.—Exchange.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—President Wilson paid his second visit in three days to the State War Navy Buildings to-day. He first went to Mr. Lansing's office, but was unable to obtain admission.—Exchange.

**AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE
ARRESTS PLOTTERS.**

New York, Wednesday.—The Secret Service have arrested eight men, in the possession of one of whom it is alleged instructions were found for establishing a submarine base for Germany on Long Island Sound at some point between New York and New London, Connecticut.

Mr. Gerard, according to a dispatch received at the State Department from Mr. Willard, the United States Ambassador in Madrid, is now in Berne, Central News.

WHERE IS MR. GERARD?

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—Officials here characterise as "silly" a report received by Copenhagen suggesting that Mr. Gerard is to be held in Germany as a hostage.

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The *«Post»* of Zurich correspondent says Mr. Gerard asked for his passports on Monday and on his return to the Embassy advised American journalists to leave immediately via Switzerland, France and Spain.—Exchange.

Austria, Wednesday.—A Berlin message to the *«Kölnische Zeitung»* states that Mr. Gerard has not yet received his passports, this being a matter which will take some days further to settle.—Central News.

U LINER IN HUN PORT.

AMSTERDAM, Wednesday.—The *«Weser Zeitung»* states that the sailing ship *«Deutschland»* is not start on her third voyage to America, but is still in a German port.—Reuter.

**GRANDCOURT TAKEN
BY THE BRITISH.**

**Germans Forced to Evacuate
the Village.**

WORKS OCCUPIED.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, Wednesday, 9.15 P.M.—As the result of our continuous pressure on both banks of the River Ancre, the enemy have been forced to evacuate the village of Grandcourt, which is now entirely in our possession, together with the defensive works adjoining it. We secured a few prisoners.

During the operations of the last few days the enemy has suffered heavy losses in the neighbourhood.

A hostile raid attempted during the night in the neighbourhood of Gueudecourt broke down under our barrage.

Early last night we entered the enemy's lines south-west of La Bassee, killed a number of Germans and destroyed several dug-outs. We took a few prisoners.

Effective counter-battery work has been carried out by us during the day at a number of places along our front.

Mutual artillery action has been most marked north of the Somme, in the neighbourhood of Courcellette and between Ambrières and Noyes.

Bombing operations by our aeroplanes were continued yesterday with success, and many fights took place in the air. Three German machines were driven down damaged. Two of our aeroplanes are missing.

**FOE DRIVEN FROM FRENCH
LINE IN LORRAINE.**

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Afternoon Communiqué.—Paris reported that in Lorraine, after a lively bombardment in the region of Embermen and Vehe, the Germans towards the end of the day yesterday

NEUTRALS' DECISIONS.

Holland.—A message from The Hague says that the Dutch Foreign Secretary told the United States Minister that there was no grounds for Holland taking the same action as America.—Central News.

Sweden.—An official Stockholm message says a Cabinet meeting decided that Sweden could not participate in Mr. Wilson's proposed action.—Exchange.

The *«Nya Dagbladet»* Allehanda states that the Swedish, Norwegian and Danish Governments have decided to send a common Note of protest to Germany.—Reuter.

Switzerland.—It is possible that the Swiss reply to President Wilson will be found to contain a suggestion for a conference of neutrals.—Central News, Zurich.

Brazil.—In her Note to Germany Brazil protests by anticipation against any hostile act from which Brazilian merchant ships may suffer, and holds Germany responsible for such acts.—Reuter.

attacked a salient of our lines in the direction of Embermen.

"A counter-attack immediately drove the enemy from the advanced elements where he had gained a foothold."

"Our line has been re-established in its entirety. We have made some prisoners."

In Parroy Forest, in the upper sector, and on the right bank of the Ancre the French, in several coups-de-main, gained about twenty prisoners, while in Upper Alsace, in the Seppois region, a German attack was stopped by fire.

Aviation.—Yesterday three enemy machines were brought down. Lieutenant Hettiaux brought down his twentieth German machine.

Towards 11 p.m. yesterday German aeroplanes dropped several bombs on Dullkirk. There were no victims and no damage done.—Reuter.

Night Communiqué.—Paris reported patrol encounters in Denicourt region and near Vailly. A German coup de main near Boureuilles (Argonne) resulted solely in losses for the enemy.

There was fairly lively artillery action in the sectors of the Mort Homme and Louvemont and Les Chambréttes.—Reuter.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Berlin claims that a French attack south-west of Senheim was repulsed and that several prisoners were taken, while sixty prisoners and three machine guns were captured in retaliatory actions near the coast, on both sides of the Ancre and the Somme. Front at Verdun, and at Parroy Wood.—Admiralty per Wireless Press.

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Are You Holding your Meeting To-morrow ?

Employers throughout the country are to-morrow holding meetings of their workpeople and explaining to them the details of

THE WAR LOAN

Many firms by advancing money to their employees against *future savings* are helping them to increase their contribution to the Victory War Loan.

Will you do the same ?

If every wage-earner in the Kingdom, at this hour of the Empire's need, subscribes to the Victory War Loan, the Nation, by Feb. 16th, will have raised a sum unexampled in the history of the World.

It is the millions of one hundred, fifty,
and five pounds that are wanted.

The following suggestions, which have been already adopted by some of the largest firms, may assist you in devising your scheme for to-morrow's meeting of your workpeople.

EMPLOYERS can do admirable service to their country by making advances to their Employees *against savings* to be invested in the War Loan. These advances can be deducted in regular weekly instalments from wages. A firm might advance to officials sums not exceeding one-half of present salary, or to permanent workpeople sums not exceeding £47 : 10 : 0, and with this money take up for them a corresponding amount of War Loan in accordance with the terms of the prospectus. In the case of officials the repayments may be spread over two years by agreed deductions from the weekly, monthly or quarterly salary; advances to workpeople may be repaid within one year by weekly deductions at the rate of, approximately, 1s. 9d. per week for each £5 : 0 : 0 worth of stock taken up.

ALL STOCK acquired on behalf of employees may be placed in the joint names of two Trustees, remaining in their names until the stock is paid for in full when it would be handed over to the employees. The amount of interest received in respect of the stock acquired would be placed to the employee's credit and thus go in reduction of the amount advanced. No interest should be charged by the firm in respect of the amounts advanced, and any wage-earner whose service with the company ceases before the advance made to him is repaid should have the option of either paying the balance in full or having his instalments returned to him. This scheme involves the loss of interest to the firm on the money advanced, but many employers are making that concession to encourage their workpeople to invest in the Loan.

—OR WORKERS CAN FORM ASSOCIATIONS AMONG THEMSELVES, OR THEY CAN GO TO THE POST OFFICE, BANK, OR TO THEIR LOCAL WAR SAVINGS COMMITTEE WHO WILL DO EVERYTHING FOR THEM.

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"DETERMINATION."

THE opening of Parliament yesterday was made a good deal more impressive than usual as a function by the military aspect of it, and by the presence of soldiers from the Dominions and Dependencies, many of them wounded officers and men.

The modern world has given itself so willingly to external ugliness, and has so lost the tact and taste for pageants of this kind, that one welcomes all the more readily any opportunity now given to our friends from overseas of realising the common cause and imaging the common ideal, by the help of those symbols and ceremonies that former ages used to value for this purpose. Many of the men from very far must have seen Westminster for the first time yesterday. The sight will have helped them to look back over our history for the determination needed to accomplish the long task still in front of us.

"Steel our determination"—it was a phrase well used in the King's Speech.

There is always danger of a natural "staleness" in any long and intense struggle, with no certain end in sight. This danger can in all spheres best be combated by bringing in the new and untired bodies and minds of men and women not "broken in the wars." That will doubtless be a main part in the generally energetic intention of Mr. Neville Chamberlain's scheme for National Service.

In regard to the detail of its application, let us remember that it should indeed endeavour to enlist new labour, new service, rather than the service of workers already sorely tried by the strain of the last years. In the Army, the new men are mingled with the hardened fighters; they come, too, here and in Germany, automatically into service each year under the provisions of the Military Service Act. In industry, too, then, an army of recruits ought still to be available whose work for the war has hitherto been mainly voluntary or intermittent.

That is why we venture so often to point to the hitherto unemployed well-to-do middle-class women who should not in these times be frequenting "the stores" in the morning and wondering over tea "how long the war will last." The war depression and all other maladies of these very willing women would vanish were they given work to do that they had to do every day. And thus new calls would not be made on the already hard tasked, and men would not be called away who are maintaining little businesses it is important not to let die.

We are not criticising Mr. Chamberlain, or anybody else. But steel determination is indeed the word of the moment, and there is no further time for delays and experiments while our enemy fiercely pounds away in his hope to "bridge the moat" of our seas—or to undermine it.

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

Feb. 7.—Carnations to be grown under glass may now be potted. Let the soil used be fairly rich and contain plenty of sand and leaf-mould. Carnations in the open must be dusted with soot every week or so to keep off sparrows. Birds in a few weeks will also probably be attacking the crocuses. Black cotton stretched between short neat sticks will keep them at bay.

During the present cold weather frames must be carefully protected by means of mats, while tender roses should have bracken or straw twisted among the shoots. E. F. T.

THE FAIRIES' SONG.

This way, this way come, and hear,
You that hold these pleasures dear;
Fill your ears with our sweet sound,
Whilst we melt the frozen ground.
This way come, make haste, oh fair!
Let your clear eyes gild the air;
Come, and bless us with your sight;
This way, this way, seek delight!

—JOHN FLETCHER (1647).

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

The great hope of society is individual character.—Channing.

A GLIMPSE OF A STOKER'S LIFE ON BOARD

"HARBOUR ROUTINE" AND ITS DAILY DUTIES.

By W. J. STANNARD.

MANY people who have seen men-of-war lying in some harbour or anchorage have wondered what there was going on aboard these motionless monsters, apparently lifeless, with just a light haze of smoke rising from them.

They seem so impassive, and they are so far from land that one can hardly see the tiny figures of men moving about on them.

Directly one of his Majesty's ships drops anchor in harbour, harbour routine comes into force.

This means that the engine-room ratings, which includes the whole of the stokers, instead of being split up in the usual three sea-going watches, are for the most part put on day work, the exceptions being a small auxiliary watch for the electric light dynamo

may be, but as a rule in the Royal Navy the spare boilers are cleaned out at every available opportunity irrespective of when they were done before.

As soon as a ship drops anchor a party is detailed to start on this work.

When the iron bars on which the furnaces rest have cooled sufficiently a man gets inside to clear away any ash which has lodged itself between them. He has to move each one separately and knock it. If, as sometimes happens, he gets hold of a specially hot one, he says something very rapidly, but does not trouble to retain it in his hands. The temperature of the furnace at this stage is that of a super-heated greenhouse at Kew Gardens, very pleasant to lie down and sleep in after dinner, but apt to produce perspiration while at work. The men emerge after a short time, their faces shining through a bright layer of sweat, their clothes sticking to them as they walk.

Besides this there are the outsidings of the water tubes to be brushed, if not the insides as well, the ashpits to be drawn, and the

KNOWING ONE'S FIANCEE'S PEOPLE.—No. 5.



Their distressing habit of unsettling one's mind by giving one advice about her and warning one against her.—(By W. K. Haselden.)

and other auxiliary machinery, and the boiler or boilers that drive it.

The advantage of this to the stokers themselves is that they now get the whole night in their hammocks.

While at sea they are very lucky if they get an unbroken night's sleep; it hardly ever happens. As regards work, many stokers say they prefer sea watch-keeping to harbour routine, but it depends largely on one's footing with the regulating chief stoker.

There are square numbers going; the only difficulty is to find one!

IT DEPENDS ON "CHIEFEY."

If you can say "Mornin', Chiefey, 'ow she go? Go ashore last night, Chiefey? Feel all right this morning?" and it's received as it should be, there may be some hope for you, and your superior may continue to say that you are a jolly good hand at polishing brass-work, and suggest that a job on the upper deck would suit you very well. If you get this you are lucky, and may go on your way rejoicing. On the other hand, Chiefey may say: "You're in No. 1 or No. 2 stokehold under Leading Hand So-and-so, or under Stoker Petty-Officer So-and-so." Then you know your luck's out, and you must get into your dirtiest stokehold suit and make the best of a bad job.

It depends a good deal on the engineer-commander or engineer lieutenant, as the case

clean furnace to be primed and topped. The auxiliary watch meanwhile carries on day and night with its own particular job, taking no part in the troubles of the boiler party.

The great advantage of harbour routine is that it generally carries leave with it.

At four o'clock in the afternoon "Liberty Men to Clean" is piped, and if a stoker is particularly energetic he may be able to have got rid of the stokehold grime, changed into his best suit, and had tea, ready for the first boat which leaves at half-past four.

THROUGH "THE MIRROR."

FOOD VOLUNTARISM.

I HEARTILY agree with your leading article "Food Equality." We have learned by previous efforts at voluntarism that compulsion is necessary in the end.

Food tickets may not be necessary now, but regulation of food at the sources of distribution, wholesale and retail, is immediately necessary.

The retail merchant should be made responsible for seeing that his customers get no more than the "ration" quantities suggested by Lord Devonport.

He will say he cannot do it. Nevertheless, he can. Income tax is collected at the source. Food can be controlled at its source. D. M.

DRINK A GLASS OF REAL HOT WATER BEFORE BREAKFAST.

Says we will both look and feel clean, sweet and fresh and avoid illness.

Sanitary science has of late made rapid strides with results that are of untold blessing to humanity. The latest application of its untiring research is the recommendation that it is as necessary to attend to internal sanitation of the drainage system of the human body as it is to the drains of the house.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise, splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, sour stomach, and constipated, feel as fresh as a daisy by opening the sluices of the system each morning and flushing out the whole of the internal poisonous stagnant matter.

Everyone, whether ailing or well, should, each morning before breakfast, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste, and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast. While you are enjoying your breakfast the phosphated hot water is quietly extracting a large volume of water from the blood and getting ready for a thorough flushing of all the inside organs.

The millions of people who are bothered with constipation, bilious spells, stomach trouble, rheumatic stiffness; others who have sallowness, blood disorders and sickly complexion are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the chemist. This will cost very little, but is sufficient to make anyone a pronounced crank on the subject of internal sanitation.

LADIES! BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR AND STOP DANDRUFF.

Hair Becomes Charming, Wavy, Lustrous and Thick Quickly.

Every Bit of Dandruff Disappears and Hair Stops Coming Out.

For a shilling you can save your hair. In less than ten minutes you can double its beauty. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and charming as a young girl's after applying some Danderine. Also try this moisture-giving cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt, or excessive oil, and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair! A delightful surprise awaits those whose hair has been neglected or is scraggy, faded, dry, brittle, or thin. Besides beautifying the hair, Danderine dissolves every particle of dandruff; cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you use it pretty, soft hair, and soft hair, you are sure to get a bottle of Knowlton's Danderine, and just try it. All chemists sell and recommend Danderine, 1s. 1d., and 2s. 3d. a bottle—no increase in price.—(Adv.)

CUT THIS OUT.

Famous Specialist's Recipe for Catarrhal Deafness and Head Noises.

If you know someone who is troubled with head noises, or Catarrhal Deafness, cut out this formula and hand to them, and you will have seen the means of saving some poor sufferers, perhaps, from total deafness. Recent experiments have proved conclusively that Catarrhal Deafness, head noises, etc., were the direct cause of constitutional disease, and that salves, sprays, inhalers, etc., merely temporise with the complaint, and seldom, if ever, effect a permanent cure. This being so, much time and money have been spent of late by a noted specialist in perfecting a pure, gentle, yet effective tonic, which would quickly dispel all traces of the catarrhal poison from the system. The effective prescription which was eventually formulated and which has aroused the belief that deafness will soon be extinct, is given below in its original form, so that anyone can treat themselves in their own home at little expense.

Secure from your chemist 1oz. Parmitin (Double Strength), about 1s. 6d. Take this home, and dilute it with 1 pint of hot water and add about 4oz. of sugar or 2 dessertspoons of Golden Syrup or Honey. Stir until dissolved. Take one dessertspoonful four times a day.

The first dose promptly ends the most distressing head noises, headache, dullness, cloudy thinking, etc., while the hearing rapidly returns as the system is invigorated by the tonic action of the treatment. Loss of smell and mucus dropping in the back of the throat are other symptoms that show the presence of catarrhal poison, and which are quickly overcome by this efficacious treatment. Nearly 90 per cent. of all troubles are directly caused by catarrh; therefore, there are but few people whose hearing cannot be restored by this simple home treatment. Every person who is troubled with head noises, catarrhal deafness, or catarrh in any form, should give this prescription a trial. There is nothing better.—(Adv.)

WINTRY SCENES ON THE WESTERN FRONT—BITTER CO



A few men of the Royal Engineers on their way back from the trenches.—(Official photograph.)



Have a thought for the horses.—(Official photograph.)

GIFT FOR THE COMMANDER.



Ice swan made by these soldiers as a decoration for the commander's quarters. The photograph was taken in Alsace, one of the severest sectors.—(French official.)

LESS COSTLY HATS.



Paris is making expensive hats, but only for neutral countries. The spring fashions for her own women are much less costly than a year or two ago, and the photograph shows a simple but becoming model which has been designed for the coming spring.



Taking in water on the way up to the trenches. 1

TWO DECORATIONS.



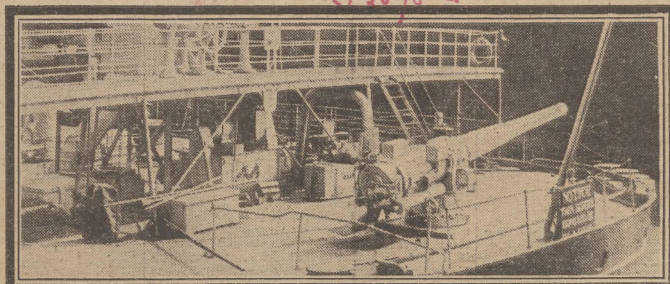
Quartermaster-Sgt. H. S. Pepper (Royal Engineers), who has been awarded the D.C.M. He is a foreman of works.



Capt. D. Cynddelw Williams, a Welsh Calvinistic Methodist chaplain, awarded the M.C. for rescuing wounded.

FROM

AN ANSWER TO THE PIRATES' INSOLENCE.



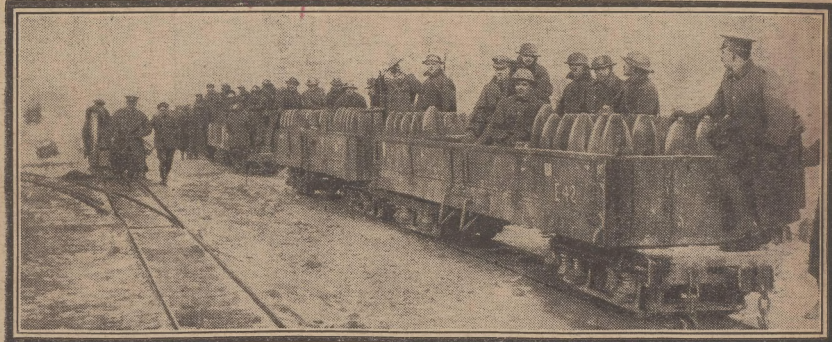
A liner lying in New York Harbour with a gun mounted on the stern to defend her against submarines. America is making preparations to meet the new situation, and her ships are to be fitted with guns fore, aft and amidships.

Mr. Sidney Mit returned to the and is now app to Mlle. de Seg

T SUCH AN ENEMY TO THE MEN AS MUD AND DAMP.



pe served a good purpose.—(Official photograph.)



A small ammunition train. Our big guns are giving Fritz no peace.—(Official photograph.)

LORD EBRINGTON, M.C.



Captain Viscount Ebrington (Scotts Greys), the Earl of Fortescue's heir, who has just been decorated by the King with the M.C., and the Hon. Margaret Beaumont, eldest daughter of Lord Allendale, who are to be married to-day.—(Lafayette and Barnett.)



He remembers this bit of barbed wire.—(Official photograph.)

FRENCH SAILOR AT ST. STEPHEN'S.



One of the wounded Anzacs who attended the opening of Parliament alighting from the char-a-banc. A French sailor was among the party.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

STAGE.



dancer, who has on active service, n. He is partner er sister, Miss Ray

ADMIRAL'S DAUGHTER.



Lieutenant Reginald Nash, R.N., and Miss Gertrude A. Fawckner, daughter of Rear-Admiral Fawckner, whose engagement is announced.—(Swaine.)



DUCHESS SUPERINTENDS WAR-WORKERS.



Adeline Duchess of Bedford (in black) superintending the making of hospital requisites at Halkyn House, which has been lent for the purpose by Earl Beauchamp. The appliances are sent to France.



How OXO is welcomed at the Front and in the Navy.

The following are interesting letters received from the Front:—

From France:—

"You must already know how widely OXO is used and how sincerely it is appreciated wherever the British Army is to be found fighting for the Empire, but I feel sure it will interest you to learn that both during the 'great push' on the Somme, and now, when we are nightly worrying the Hun with raids, I make it an invariable rule to make an issue of hot OXO to the men before they 'pop the parapet.' We have, as you know, to face all weathers out here, and learn to take things as they come. This is done the more easily because we are never without a supply of your OXO. We find it of the greatest possible benefit to us. OXO is of enormous value for home consumption, but you may take it from me that its value is multiplied many times over out here in the trenches, and often times when nights are bitterly cold and horribly long, I really do not know how we should get on without the hot OXO."

From East Africa:—

"When leaving England a year ago, my wife insisted upon my taking a good supply of your OXO, and I shall be ever grateful for her forethought. For three months we were on trek, through the colony where transport was impossible and everything, including rations and ammunition, had to be carried on the heads of porters. Consequently we fared very badly for food, our staple diet being mealies and rice, and not too much of that. This is where you come in, as after trekking all day we would have to erect our station and work until daylight, and about midnight I always had a cup of OXO which bucked me up wonderfully, relieved any tired feeling and made work easy. Any of the section feeling sick would be given a cup, and I can safely say it saved many men from going to hospital. As a result practically all of them wrote home asking for supplies to be sent out, and now it is regularly used by all as nourishment in lieu of the old home supper. The value of OXO during a campaign cannot be over-estimated."

From Egypt:—

"I may say that OXO is used extensively out here with very gratifying results."

From Salonica:—

"A consignment of OXO arrived the day after I got here; you can have no idea what a godsend it will be in this place for the next few months; it will warm a large number of men on cold nights. When you repeat the dose please advise me so that I may make sure that it arrives."

From H.M.S. "—"

"We have found the great value of OXO up here in the North Sea. It would do you good to see the lads' faces when the OXO is made during the different watches of the night. I do not think there is anything to beat a cup of OXO when coming off duty at midnight or four in the morning."

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By MIMOSA.

this. Apply this simple and harmless lotion for a few nights to the hair with a small sponge, and the greyness will gradually disappear. The lotion is neither sticky nor greasy, and has been proved over and over again for generations past by those in possession of the formula.

To Have Smooth, White Skin, Free From Blemishes.

DOES your skin chap or roughen easily, or become unduly red or blotchy? Let me tell you a quick and easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth, and soft. Just get some ordinary mercolised wax at the chemist's, and use a little before retiring as you would use cold cream. The wax, through some peculiar action, flecks off the rough, discoloured, or blighted skin. The worst cuticle comes off just like dandruff on a diseased scalp, only in almost invisible particles. Mercolised wax simply hastens Nature's work, which is the rational and proper way to obtain a perfect complexion, so much sought after, but very seldom seen. The process is perfectly simple and quite harmless.

Blackheads Fly Away.

A PRACTICALLY instantaneous remedy for pores recently discovered by a French chemist in general use in the boudoir. It is very simple, harmless, and pleasant. Drop a stymol tablet, obtained at the chemist's, in a tumbler full of hot water. After the effervescence has subsided, bathe the face in the liquid, using a small sponge or soft cloth. In a few minutes dry the face, and the offensive blackheads will come right off on the towel. Also the large oily pores immediately close up, and the complexion improves naturally. The greasiness disappears and the skin is left smooth, soft and cool. This simple treatment is then repeated a few times at intervals of four or five days to ensure the permanence of the result.

PARKER BELMONT'S CLYNOL BERRIES FOR OBESITY.—(Adv.)

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THE PHANTOM LOVER.

By RUBY M. AYRES.

HOW THE STORY BEGINS.

MICKY MELLOWES, a rich bachelor, who has had all the good things of life, is able to help

ESTHER SHEPSTONE, a beautiful girl, who is earning her own living. Esther has given up her employment because she is going to be married to

RAYMOND ASHTON, a good-for-nothing fellow who is going to throw the girl over.

Esther Shepstone.

JUNE MASON, who is Micky's friend, becomes Esther's friend.

MARIE DELAND, of whom Micky was fond before he knew Esther, meets him on his return from Paris.

MRS. ASHTON, Raymond's mother, asks Micky whether he knows anything about the girl who is to be married to her son.

Micky denies all knowledge of her.

Micky, writing as Raymond Ashton, asks Esther not to take any appointment. She decides to do what he wants. June sees the writing, and thinks that it is like Micky's.

ESTHER'S SECRET.

ESTHER wrote to Mrs. Ashton that same night and told her she must regretfully decline the offered position; she gave no reason, but she permitted herself a little sigh of regret when the letter was finished and dispatched.

"If I had something to do I should be ever so much happier," she told June again and again, and June quite agreed.

"It must be awful, killing time," she said. "When I think of the life I used to lead at home before I started trying to improve people's complexions, I wonder I didn't go mad. Nothing but silly tea-parties and scandal. . . . Ugh!"

She looked across at June quizzically.

"You're really not going to Mrs. Ashton's, then?" she asked.

"Yes—really. I've written and told her."

"I'm glad," June said frankly. "Micky quite agreed with me that you wouldn't like being there."

"Micky!" said Esther scornfully. "As if I care what he says or thinks. . . ."

June looked mildly amazed.

"Oh, all right," she said smoothly. "I suppose I may mention his name sometimes, mayn't I?" Suddenly she began to laugh. "Do you know that for once in my life I've been totally wrong with regard to you two? I was so sure you'd more than like each other—I even thought it quite possible that Micky might fall in love with you, so exactly suited to him."

"I'm glad you think so," said Esther dryly; her colour had risen a little. "I'm sorry I can't oblige you by agreeing."

June said "Humph." She yawned rather elaborately. "All the same," she added, after a moment, "I'm convinced that things would have been different if it hadn't been for that phantom lover of yours; you're so crazy about him."

There was a touch of exasperation in her voice.

Esther flushed angrily.

"It's absurd of you to talk like this," she said with a touch of temper. "Mr. Mellowes is the last man on earth I should ever have looked at, the name before she was aware of it; in her momentary flash of temper the secret she had so carefully guarded escaped her; she looked across at June with a sort of fear in her pretty eyes."

It was too late to attempt to cover what she had said; she knew by the sudden expression of June's face that she had heard.

"Of course," she let the cat out of the bag. "And she said, curiously, 'Do you know him as I do, or you would never say such cruel, wicked things about him.' She stopped, with something like a sob in her voice."

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"You ought to have stopped me. How on earth was I to know?"

"I don't care what you said; it's all untrue," Esther protested, stormily. "Nothing you could ever say about him would influence me or make me feel any differently towards him."

"He doesn't know," she said, when she was nonplussed she invariably had to smoke; she took several agitated puffs before she looked at her friend again.

"Well, anything I said was said in absolute innocence, you know that," she said, with a toss. "I'd no more idea than the dead that you and he. . . . So that's why he doesn't want you to go to his mother, is it?"

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"He's not a phantom lover," Esther protested. "He's a real lover, a very real lover."

June looked at her silently; then she stooped and took her hand.

"I take back everything I said," she declared, eagerly. "If you love him there must be something very nice about him. If he loves you, he can't really be what I thought he was."

"I don't care in the least what you thought him."

Esther turned her face away; she would have given a great deal to be able to take her secret back, and yet in a way it was a relief to think that June knew at last.

"I'm not going to let you quarrel with me over him, no it won't hurt badly you want to," June said, briskly. "No man is worth two friends having a row over. I'm quite prepared to take him to my arms and love him if you do."

"Oh, Esther, don't look like that!" There were tears in Esther's eyes, and her lips were trembling. "You're making fun of me," she protested. "It's unkind of you. I love him, no matter what people may say about him. I don't think there can be anyone so good as he in all the world."

June turned sharply away; she wondered if perhaps, after all, she and everyone else had thoroughly misunderstood Raymond, and if this was what was championing of him was deserved. She had to admit that she knew very little of him, and also that people are only too willing to say detrimental things about a man who is perhaps more handsome or sought-after than the rest, and yet in her heart the only real feeling she experienced was pity for Esther.

"He's not nearly good enough for her," she was telling herself indignantly. "She'll never really be happy with him."

"I hope you won't tell Mr. Mellowes, or anyone else," Esther was saying defiantly. "I don't want my affairs talked over by everyone."

"I shall not tell anyone," June said quietly. "If you wish me to keep it a secret, of course, I will."

Presently she went back to Esther and, stooping, kissed her.

"I'm awfully glad I know," she said. "It makes our friendship seem so much more real. And I'm going to start liking him all over again because he's been so good to you."

Esther smiled faintly.

"Nobody knows how good he has been, and is to me," she said. "Why, I couldn't even be living here if it wasn't for him, and you've got idea what wonderful letters he writes to me."

She looked at June half shyly. "Do you know," she said, with a sudden tender inflection in her voice, "I never really knew how much I loved him till he went away and I began to have letters from him. I'd seen so much of him when he was in London that there hadn't really been any need to write to me, and I don't think I ever thought he could write as he does."

"Men are generally rotten letter writers," June agreed. "When I think of Micky."

she chuckled. "Not that he's ever tried to write a love letter, but the scrawny notes I have had from him just show how poor his attempts in the other direction would be."

"I dare say it would be different if he really cared for anyone," Esther said. She felt even kinder towards Micky now. It was a mutterable relief to be able to talk of Raymond to someone instead of having to guard even his name by silence.

But Esther felt happier, June was ill at ease. She felt that the things were not all right. She did not trust Raymond; it seemed extraordinary to her that Esther should care for him at all.

"It isn't the man himself," she told herself obstinately. "It's some foolish, mistaken ideal of him that she has created."

She wondered what he really was doing in Paris. Micky would know she was sure—he and Micky had been such great friends, and he would be no harm in speaking of him to Micky, at least, that would not be betraying any secret or confidence.

She rang Micky up the following morning. She made the excuse that she wanted to see him on business. She took him to lunch at her club.

"You don't look well," was her greeting. "What's the matter, Micky?"

Micky frowned a little. If there was one thing he hated it was for anyone to remark on his appearance. He answered brusquely that he had never been better in his life, and immediately changed the subject.

"By the way," she was going to write to you when you rang up," he said. "I've got some tickets for a first night to-morrow; would you care to come along and—bring Miss Shepstone?"

June beamed. She liked going out with Micky. He knew how to do things, and always had everything well arranged down to the smallest detail.

"I should love it," she said with enthusiasm. "I can't answer for Esther, though."

"Try to persuade her," he urged carelessly. "I don't suppose she's been about much; it would do her good."

"She told me she loves theatres," June admitted; "but the trouble will probably be that she hasn't got a dress."

"A dress!" Micky echoed vaguely. "Can't you lend her one of yours?" June laughed.

"My dear boy, she's much taller than me and slimmer. . . . However, I'll see what can be done. Where shall we meet you?"

"I'll call for you at seven. We'll have some grub first."

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"Oh, well, if she won't you can come alone, of course. I'll be there at seven."

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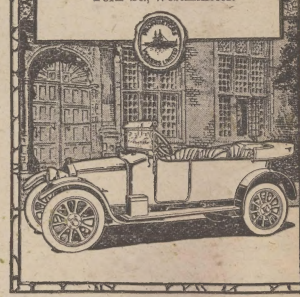
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Lord Crew, who has been appointed a member of the Scientific and Industrial Research Committee.



Miss Gladys Donnar Wilson, the artist who is now devoting her attention to war work.

"Imperial Parliament"

THE phrase "Imperial Parliament" seemed to have acquired a new significance yesterday. As the King and Queen drove through the Mall accompanied by representatives of the farthest outposts of Empire, they were cheered loudly along the whole line of route. There was, if I mistake not, a new note in those cheers. It was a recognition of the fact that the war has at last welded our mighty Empire into one united and homogeneous whole.

The King and Queen.

I was fortunate enough to be able to spend a considerable time in both Houses of Parliament. First of all let me tell you that I found the King and Queen looking particularly fit when they appeared in the Painted Chamber to attend the opening ceremony.

Black and Khaki.

But the scene was shorn of much of the usual pomp and colour. It was a study in black and khaki. Almost every peeress was in black, with just a touch of white ermine. The only splash of colour was supplied by the group of judges in their robes of scarlet and ermine.

The Queen's Dress.

The King was in naval uniform with a blue peaked cap, which he wore during the reading of the Royal Speech. The Queen, instead of the resplendent robes with attendant pages holding up the folds of velvet, was attired in black. Her toque was also black adorned with one single ostrich feather.

A Wonderful Diamond.

Around her Majesty's throat were four ropes of pearls. One reached almost to the waist. There was one touch of blue on the black corsage, which was taken to signify the Order of the Garter. Against this rested a wonderful diamond which sparkled in the light.

A Novel Spectacle.

One of the most novel features of the wartime opening of Parliament was in the Royal Gallery. Here 400 wounded soldiers, attended by nurses, had been accommodated to see the royal procession pass through to the Upper House. It was a memorable sight to see these wounded heroes in such a place on such an occasion. But they seemed very happy, and loud were the cheers they gave for the King, the Queen, Queen Alexandra, and the Prince of Wales when the venerable Lord Lincolnshire called for them before the King and Queen arrived.

Premier and Ex-Premier—"Too Late."

I observed with great interest that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Asquith walked back from the royal ceremony in the Lords together. Mr. Asquith was unfortunately too late to join the Prime Minister when the summons came to the Commons, so Mr. Bonar Law and the Prime Minister walked to the Gilded Chamber together.

A New Peeress.

A great many peeresses graced the side galleries during the debate in the Lords last night. I noticed Earl Curzon, the new leader of the House, arrived with his wife, whom he escorted to a seat in the Painted Chamber. Lady Curzon, who looked charming in brown furs, seemed deeply interested in the proceedings.

How Labour Leaders Help.

The prominent part the Labour members of the Ministry are taking in the work of the Government was strikingly shown in the Commons last night, when notice of new measures was given. Of the five Bills which are shortly to be introduced it transpired that the piloting of no fewer than four of them will be entrusted to Labour Ministers.

No Party Feeling.

I found a general disinclination in the lobby last night to criticise the Government. Everybody seemed more anxious than ever that all parties should pull together to bring the war to an end as speedily as possible. That note was reflected in the speeches in both Lords and Commons.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Those Gold Coin Misers Again.

There must still be thousands of people hoarding gold instead of lending it to the State at a splendid and safe rate of interest. My paragraph the other day about these gold misers actually brought me a note yesterday from one, a woman, who said she had "a good many" sovereigns, but was not going to invest because a sovereign was now worth twenty-five shillings!

Sovereign Worth Exactly £1.

She did not, however, explain how she was going to realise 25s. for her sovereign. The truth is that she cannot. A sovereign is worth no more to-day than the £1 Treasury note.

Toy Dogs "Out."

Cruft's show this year is almost entirely devoted to the sporting dogs. Few toy dogs could stand the bitter chill of the huge Agricultural Hall. Lady Helen Conyngham, the marquis's young sister, led off with the most sporting of all—a police dog, and followed it with a Samoyede.

Stern Dogs.

In the top ring, writes a woman correspondent, I found Lady Dunleath was showing some Cocker spaniels, and in the next ring the Marchioness of Downshire had some fine retrievers. Mr. Dion Boucault chose an even sterner breed, to wit, a bloodhound. For the first time for many years there were no royal exhibits.

Lord Sandhurst's Nephew.

Lieutenant Ralph Mansfield, a nephew of Lord Sandhurst, is to be married at Sheringham to-day. He volunteered at the start of the war, and went to France as a dispatch rider, doing excellent work there. He has since received a commission in the Royal Engineers.

Triumphal Arch.

His bride, the pretty daughter of Mr. Edward Upcher, is a member of a well-known Norfolk family. She will pass beneath a triumphal arch erected by her friends at to-day's ceremony. As the bridegroom's family also come from Sheringham, the little Norfolk town will be en fête to-day.

Furious Farce.

That there is still a public for old-fashioned farce was proved at the Apollo Theatre last night, when "Monty's Flapper," a new play by Mr. Walter W. Ellis, was first produced. The thing was absurd. It was incredible. But, from first to last it was received with screams of laughter. It is a sure winner.

Good Acting.

So far as the acting is concerned, the honours are divided. Miss Mary Brough, a sort of modern Mrs. Malaprop, and Miss Elsie Craig, the virtuous housekeeper, were both alike excellent. Miss Margaret Shelley looked very pretty and acted with considerable spirit. Monty, as interpreted by Mr. Frank Denton, left nothing to be desired. Altogether it was an uproarious evening—the precursor, I am sure, of many others.

A Comedy of Clothes—

We were promised a surprise in "Felix Gets a Month," the new Haymarket play—and we got it. The surprise was that the play was put on at the Haymarket, for it is entirely out of touch with the Haymarket tradition. It might be described as Carlyle's "philosophy of clothes" translated into farce. The epigrams were not very successful. It seems a hard thing to say, but "Dress, and the world is with you; strip, and you freeze alone," might almost have been written by Ella Wheeler Wilcox herself.

—And a Good Cast.

It pleased the audience mightily, however, and really the acting was capital. Mr. O. B. Clarence as the hen-pecked mayor provided one of his most finished character studies.



Miss Doris Lytton.

Miss Frances Ivor, Mr. Gordon Ash, Miss Leonard-Boyne, and Mr. Reginald Bach all worked hard and successfully. A small but sympathetic part fell to the lot of Miss Doris Lytton.

A Sensible Queen.

Although the Kaiser's piracy is disturbing the Court at The Hague, it is not apparent in the Queen of Holland's life. Her Majesty goes skating daily with the little Princess Juliana and her little friends.

For the Duration of the Severance?

An American friend is anxious to know if, in the event of no hostilities between Germany and America, he could enlist for the "duration of the severance."

The Literary Sherlock Holmes.

Do you know how to tell whether an unsigned article or short story is written by a man or a woman? Here is what has been described to me as the "infallible test." The man always writes of a woman's "dress," while a woman always calls the same garment a "frook." Why this I don't know. But it is so, isn't it?

The Belgians' Friend.

I met Mr. W. A. M. Goode, the hon. secretary of the Belgian Relief Commission, in Trafalgar-square yesterday. He is a tall, slender, alert man, with a soldierly air, and is an expert on all the complex international questions behind the titanic task of feeding Belgium.



Mr. W. A. M. Goode.

Once a Soldier.

Mr. Goode used to be a war correspondent, and was on Admiral Schley's flagship when the American fleet shattered Admiral Cervera's fleet in the Caribbean. As a youth he learned soldiering in a crack American cavalry troop in the Far West. He told me he was hopeful that the work of feeding Belgium would continue, despite the new U-boat campaign.



Lady Elio, who since the death of her husband has been nursing the wounded.

Scrupulous at the Luncheon-Table.

I saw the most conscientious man in London at a West End restaurant, where I lunched yesterday morning. After a plate of meat had been brought to him he summoned the waiter. "I trust," said he, "that you have weighed it."

Waiting and Weighing.

The waiter's lot will be a hard one before long, if this continues. Not only will he have to wait, but he will have to weigh.

The Princess and the Picture.

Princess Patricia, who will open the Red Cross Fair at Westminster on February 15, has sent to the Countess Gleichen and her committee a little landscape she painted when in Canada. This will be sold at the fair. Princess Patricia is a clever artist, and spends much of her spare time at her easel.

Dressed for the Ice.

A woman correspondent tells me that bright coloured jerseys are to be as popular as ever this year. Yesterday I saw a girl skater wearing one of vivid green with fur trimmed collar and cuffs and a belt of Oriental beading.

She Meant Well.

An old lady was doing her best to take an intelligent interest in politics, but she was hard put to it. "Do tell me, dear," she said to a friend. "Is Lloyd George really the Prime Minister, or just the Premier?"

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The frosty weather continues. In London yesterday morning there were 16deg. of frost on the ground and 12deg. in the air.

At Streatham, South Berks, there were 26deg. of frost, at Norwich 30deg., at Durham 20deg., Cardiff 26deg. In the Thames Valley from 25 to 29deg. were recorded—the hardest frost since 1895.

In response to many inquiries from all parts of the country, the Lincolnshire Skating Association desire it to be made known that races are to be held daily on Gowth Wash, Spalding.

A special one-mile race for a cup and medals and a race for Canadians, with other events, are to be held on Saturday afternoon. Canadians desirous of competing are desired to communicate at once.

The continuance of the severe frost in Manchester has caused between 200 and 300 Corporation tramway-car drivers to leave work owing to illness—an unprecedented state of affairs.

NEWS ITEMS.

Horses Frozen to Death.

Fifty ponies have been found to death in Breconshire.

"Specials" Thanked.

The special constables who were on duty at the opening of Parliament have been officially thanked for "the very material help" they gave.

Germany Retaliates.

Russian officer prisoners in Germany, says a Petrograd message, are now to be allowed to receive food from neutral countries, in retaliation for the Allied blockade.

Italian Naval Command.

Vice-Admiral de Revel has been appointed to command the Italian Fleet, says a Rome message, in succession to the Duke d'Abruzzi, who has resigned on account of ill-health.

WAR NATIONAL ACCEPTANCES.

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His Sloop	11 10	Deus Ambr	10 4
Eugenius	11 10	Schoolmoney	10 2
Lord March	11 9	Belvedere	9 12
Father Confessor	11 7	Ballynacard	9 12
Carraig Park	11 6	Sergt. Murphy	9 12
Barbado's Flight	11 5	Chance	9 9
Limerick	11 5	Good Example	9 8
Queen Emma	11 5	Grishope	9 7
Yellow Chat	11 0	Fargue	9 7
Toller	10 12	Iron Gate	9 7
Minster Vale	10 11	Stags Head	9 7

The funeral of the late Mr. Robert Lanson took place at Epsom yesterday, and amongst those who sent wreaths was Lord Rosburgh, to whom credit was written, "From an old friend."

The ex-amateur feather-weight champion, Private Harry Bowers (Army Service Corps), and Soldier Stivers (Portsmouth) will meet in a fifteen-rounds contest at the Ring, Blackheath, this afternoon.

THE PHANTOM LOVER.

(Continued from page 9.)

"Has she?" Mickey did not sound particularly interested.

"Yes; the phantom lover objected, or something, and I think it's just as well."

"She said something about it when I had tea with you the other day, if you remember."

June nodded.

"So she did. I dare say that wretched Raymond would have tried to make love to her if she had gone," she added deliberately.

"He's away just now," Mickey said quickly.

"I ran across him when I was over in Paris last week," June looked up quickly.

"Did you!—what's he doing there?"

"Nothing particular; he often goes over, you know."

"I can't stand that man," June said, after a moment.

"No?" Mickey's voice was casual.

"I never could see why you were so thick with him," she went on, impatiently.

Mickey laughed lazily.

"Perhaps because I haven't your gift of second sight, my dear," he said.

"I shouldn't have thought it would need second sight to see what he is," June declared, in exasperation.

She looked across at Mickey and was surprised by the hard expression of his face.

"I hate men who flirt," she added. "Micky, do you know that I've got a kind of feeling about Esther's phantom lover that he doesn't really exist?"

Micky sat up with sudden attention.

"What do you mean?" he asked.

She shrugged her shoulders.

"I mean that he isn't really a tangible man," she explained, haltingly. Mickey laughed.

Oh, yes, he is, he said.

June caught her breath.

"You don't mean—oh, do you mean that you know him?" she asked, excitedly.

Micky met her eyes with a faintly ironical smile in his own.

"Yes, I know him," he answered hardily.

"And so do you. My dear, I may be very green, but your careful questioning wouldn't deceive a mouse, let me tell you."

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By means of the special facilities offered by the EAGLE & BRITISH DOMINIONS Insurance Companies, you can buy War Loan with your

future savings, and at the same time provide for yourself and your dependents.

For example (15 years scheme): A man or woman aged 40 next birthday may take up £100 WAR LOAN by paying £5 11s. 4d. down and the balance in 14 annual instalments—a total payment of £83 10s. 0d. for each £100 subscribed for, subject to medical examination. Note these important points.—

- 1.—There is nothing further to pay for 12 months.
- 2.—The payment of your very first instalment HELPS THE WAR LOAN exactly the same as if you had paid for the £100 War Loan in full. The ONLY difference is that the Insurance Company buys the War Loan outright and delivers to you at end of term.
- 3.—The first payment of £5 11s 4d. immediately CAPITALISES YOUR

EARNING CAPACITY for £100.

Should your death occur even after only one instalment had been paid, your relatives would at once be handed the £100 War Stock IN FULL, without any further payment whatever.

- 4.—Should your earning capacity cease, or should you for any other reason wish to discontinue the yearly instalments, you would still lose nothing, because the Company would issue you a fully-paid-up Policy of a proportionate amount.

- 5.—ANY sum from £100 upwards may be secured in the same way. For instance: £27 16 8 down secures £500 War Loan, £55 13 4 secures £1,000 War Loan, and so on. The rates differ only slightly with different ages.

- 6.—You save paying INCOME TAX on savings up to one-sixth of your income in this way. There is NO OTHER WAY of making such good and profitable use of your savings.

- 7.—Similar scheme for repayment in 5 or 10 years.

Special schemes are provided for those who are unwilling or unable to undergo medical examination, also for those engaged in hazardous occupations and Naval and Military Risks, full particulars of which are set forth upon the Prospectus.

EVERY SHILLING put into the War Loan—the world's best investment—brings victorious peace nearer. Every day by which the war is shortened means the lives of hundreds of soldiers saved. It means only 2/- or so a week to take up £100 War Loan, and YOUR weekly 2/- may help to save a soldier's life, in addition to providing for your future and for your wife and children. It is therefore your clear duty to

'Scrape Together Every Penny'

to help make the Victory Loan a GIGANTIC SUCCESS, for its failure might mean that all the blood and treasure which the Empire has so freely expended would be in vain, and Victory changed into Stale-Mate. The responsibility is YOURS no less than any other man's or woman's. Surely it is a little thing to do, after all, compared with the sacrifices that our men are making for YOUR sake, every hour.

Next Week the great War Loan CLOSES. There is no time to lose if you wish to avail yourself of the special facilities offered. Write us TO-DAY for particulars, which will be sent by return.

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MANCHESTER—Eagle Insurance Buildings, Cross Street.

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PLYMOUTH—14, Low Pavement.

PLYMOUTH—Newtown Chambers, Old Town Street.

SOUTHAMPTON—37, Above Bar.

SOUTHAMPTON—5, Portland Street.

Post this Form To-day

ENQUIRY FORM.

Please post me, by return, prospectus of your War-Loan-Purchase Policy.

Name.....

Address.....

Amount of War Loan you contemplate applying for under this scheme £.....

Date.....

APPLICATIONS FOR AGENCIES INVITED.
COMMISSION WILL BE PAID TO ALL RECOGNISED INSURANCE AGENTS.

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THE PEERS IN UNIFORM.



The Duke of Richmond.



Lord Lansdowne arriving.



Outside St. Stephen's yesterday, Lord Beresford, in naval uniform, is seen talking to Mr. Pike Pease, behind whom is Lord Chaplin in conversation with Sir Pertab Singh, the veteran Indian. Nearly all the peers were in khaki and not in robes.

A FIGHTING FAMILY—THE EIGHTH SON TO JOIN UP.



Mr. Thomas Brind, of Sunninghill, near Ascot, with his eight sons, one of whom has been killed in action. Another has been wounded. Harold, who is seen in civilian clothes, is on his way home from the United States to enlist. Mr. Brind has two brothers, both of whom have lost a son.

SKATING BY MOONLIGHT IN REGENT'S PARK.



On moonlight nights the people skate in Regent's Park until quite late in the evening.



Despite the tiring nature of their work, the girl omnibus conductors have the energy to go tobogganing.

A COOL DRIVER.



Private Gardner, A.S.C., awarded the D.C.M. for driving his lorry to safety when bombed by an enemy aeroplane.



"Tommy" and the girl have a spill on Hampstead Heath.

Tobogganing and skating are two amusements which are not taxed, though, curiously enough, spectators who pay for admission to rinks must help to swell the revenue.